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OF GERMANY TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to forward herewith a statement by the European Union on
Angola. I should be grateful if you could kindly arrange to have this statement
circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Gerhard HENZE
Ambassador
Acting Permanent Representative

Annex

Statement by the European Union on Angola, issued
on 29 June 1994

The European Union wishes to express its deep concern at the recent escalation of the fighting in Angola. This renewed violence, which has resulted in suspension of all humanitarian flights to all regions, is threatening the progress which has been achieved at the peace talks in Lusaka and is hindering the provision of humanitarian assistance to more than three million Angolans thus putting their lives at risk.

The European Union acknowledges and commends the fact that the Government of Angola has recently accepted the proposals of the mediation on national reconciliation and strongly calls upon UNITA to do likewise and to allow the negotiations to conclude in a comprehensive settlement.

The European Union opposes and strongly condemns all attempts to strengthen negotiating positions through gains on the battlefield. It calls upon both parties, and UNITA in particular, to stop military operations and to devote all their efforts to the successful conclusion of the present Lusaka negotiations undertaken under the auspices of the United Nations.

The European Union, which is a major donor to Angola, wishes to convey in the strongest possible terms its condemnation of recent attitudes on coercion and obstruction, attacks on international and Angolan humanitarian aid personnel, thus threatening their safety, and calls both on the Angolan Government and UNITA to actively facilitate their humanitarian work.

The European Union, reiterating its conviction that the negotiations in Lusaka offer the best means of achieving a lasting settlement in Angola, calls upon both sides to quickly surpass the remaining issues in order to urgently reach a comprehensive peace accord.
